(c) Exploration for gold in the last few years he established only small deposits, generally of low grade.

Accidents in Chasnala Mine Colliery

2628. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government are aware that accidents in Chasnala Mine Colliery are increasing;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps Government are taking for the safety of the workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (c) the management of Chasnala Colliery Complex has taken all safety measures, required statutorily and othewise, for the safety of workers (and they will continue to be taken). As a result, there has been a significant reduction in the number of acidents in the complex. Details of reduction in number of accidents over the past two years are given below:

Year	Fatal Accidents	Serious Accidents	Reportable Accidents
1990.	Nil	13	100
1991.	1	7	47
1992 (Upto Feb., 92)	Nil	3	7

National Mineral Policy

2629. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal under their consideration to amend the National Mineral Policy for non-fuel and non-atomic minerals; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) There is no such proposal at present.

(b) Does not arise.

Exploration programmes

2630. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state the details of major exploration programmes undertaken by his Ministry during the last one year till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): During the last one year Geological Survey of India (GSI) carried out regional mineral survey and exploration covering 46 investigations for base-metals (Copper, Lead and Zinc), 40 investigations for gold, 15 investigations for Tin and Tungsten, 13 investigations for multi-metal exploration, 9 investigations for Platinum group of minerals, 3 investigations for Molybdenum exploration, 8 diamond investigations besides investigations for industrial